

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 105

By Dennis

A RESOLUTION to honor and applaud coaches David and Jennifer Channell and the Hardin County High School girls' bowling team on capturing the 2011 TSSAA Division I State Championship.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, led by coaches David and Jennifer Channell, the Hardin County High School (HCHS) girls' bowling team fought their way through an extraordinary season to claim the title of 2011 TSSAA Division I State Champions; and

WHEREAS, since the inception of the HCHS girls bowling program in 2002, the Lady Tigers have made appearances in every state tournament, and this year's championship is the third for the program; and

WHEREAS, on their way to claiming the title, the Lady Tigers, who finished the regular season with an impressive record of twenty-one wins to only three losses, vanquished three tough opponents: Hendersonville, Smyrna, and Columbia Central; and

WHEREAS, in Hardin County's 14-3 victory over the Hendersonville High School team in the quarterfinal round, which in itself was a sweet vindication of the two regular season losses HCHS suffered at the hands of Hendersonville, the Lady Tigers rebounded from an early deficit to finish forty pins ahead at the end of the match. Emma Long led the Lady Tigers with the highest series (579) and highest game total (246) ; and

WHEREAS, in the semifinal round, HCHS defeated Smyrna in a close-fought match. The Lady Tigers won 15-12 on the strength of Jerrica Stricklin's high series score (628) and high game total (237); and

WHEREAS, the championship round pitted the Lady Tigers against the team from Columbia Central High School, and HCHS won handily, 21-6, with a total pin fall of 3,159. Ally Sanders and Hayley Miller each won all three of their respective games, with Hayley capturing the high series (565) and Ally bowling the high game (222); and

WHEREAS, the championship-winning HCHS Lady Tigers bowlers were: Emma Long, Jessica Kimbel, Jerrica Stricklin, Ally Sanders, Hayley Miller, and Mallory Stanley; and

WHEREAS, in individual competition, Emma Long finished ranked fourth in the State after felling 2,557 total pins in three rounds of competition, and teammates Jessica Kimbel and Jerrica Stricklin finished thirteenth and twenty-fifth, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, talent, work ethic, and spirit of camaraderie displayed by this group of young women not only made their championship title possible, but also surely point toward continued success in their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the HCHS Lady Tigers have conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the State takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of those student athletes who have excelled both in their sport and in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate coaches David and Jennifer Channell and the Hardin County High School Lady Tiger bowling team on capturing the 2011 TSSAA Division I State Championship, extending our best wishes for their every success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.